

ER or urgent care center?

how to ***know*** where to go



Emergency rooms treat serious or life-threatening conditions. For non-emergency conditions, it's better to go to your doctor or an urgent care center.

When you can't see your doctor right away, an urgent care center is a good medical and financial alternative to an emergency room.

Here's why:

- Your wait will probably be shorter.
- Urgent care centers are often open evenings and weekends.
- You don't need an appointment.
- An urgent care center may be closer to your home or workplace.
- Your cost is usually lower than it would be at an emergency room. In fact, if you go to an emergency room for non-emergency care, you may have to pay the entire bill yourself.

The choice is yours. But remember: For treatment of a minor illness or injury, an urgent care center can save you time and money.

To find an urgent care center near you, log on to **Humana.com** and:

- Click "Tools & Resources" under the Member links tab in the middle of the page
- Select "Urgent Care Centers" under Provider Search at the right of the page
- Use your member ID or ZIP code on the pop-up window to find an urgent care center near you

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